he is tried in the country of which he is a national or in the country of which he is a habitual resident or in the country where he is present. Reservations have also been made by U.S., European Union, Iran and the group of Arab and African States.

(c) and (d) Safeguards against trafficking exist in our Constitution, The Indian Penal code and The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956. On the basis of these, the Government of India had formulated a National Plan of Action to Combat Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Women and Children in 1998, after extensive consultations. The implementation of the Plan of Action is supervised and monitored by a Central Advisory Committee at the Central level. Similarly the States/UTs have set up State Advisory Committees for this purpose. These facts were highlighted at the Yokohama World Congress.

Popularising science education in Karnataka

264. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to arrest the dwindling interest among the young in taking up a career in science in Karnataka;

(b) whether funds have been allocated to Karnataka for popularising science education; and

(c) if so, the details therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERM A]: (a) to (c) There is no reported decline in the interest of the students in science courses at Senior Secondary stage. However, to encourage students to continue their education in basic sciences at Higher education level, a scheme called "Kishore Vaigyanik Prothsahan Yojna" (KVPY) has been launched during 1999-2000 by Department of Science & Technology which targets the young science students at the school and college level. It aims to encourage the students of basic sciences, engineering and medicine to take up research career in these areas.

To improve the quality of science education and scientific temper, funds are provided to State Governments under a Centrally Sponsored Scheme, "Improvement of Science Education in Schools" which has been operational since 1987-88. Under this scheme the Government of Karnataka has been provided

financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 29.61 Crores between 1987-88 to 2000-2001. During the current financial year an amount of Rs. 5.28 Crores has been approved for the State of Karnataka.

In addition, six voluntary organisations in Karnataka have also been provided financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 49.96 Lakhs during the last three years for undertaking innovative and experimental projects.

Syllabus for NCERT

265. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether serious doubts have surfaced over implementation of the syllabus this year;

(b) if so, whether teachers and apex educational bodies would go about incorporating the syllabus without the teachers having requisite training and orientation;

(c) whether the NCERT has decided to provide sufficient training to teachers for implementation of this new syllabus; and

(d) what steps are being considered by Government in this regard and to make non-controversies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) NCERT does not foresee any problem in the implementation of the syllabus.

(b) Teacher's training and their orientation is a continuous process at NCERT and as such there is no break with the past practices in teaching and learning in the new curriculam.

(c) and (d) The NCERT is planning to provide teachers training for effective implementation of the new curriculum. Besides, other agencies like SCERTs and Boards of Education are also taking steps in this direction.

Drop-outs in MCD schools

266. PROF. (SHRIMATI) BHARATI RAY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Delhi Government has noted that the drop-out